

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TOURISM

Voting Members:

Brandon J.C. Elefante, Chair; Kymberly Marcos Pine, Vice Chair;
Carol Fukunaga, Ron Menor, Trevor Ozawa

Committee Meeting Held
March 31, 2016

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Business, Economic Development and Tourism, which considered Resolution 16-78 entitled:

**"RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE
NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO
GUARANTEE ITS CITIZENS THOSE RIGHTS INHERENT IN A FREE AND
INDEPENDENT SOCIETY AND URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS
OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO
SECURITY ISSUES IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS REGION,"**

introduced on March 23, 2016, reports as follows:

The purpose of the Resolution is to encourage and support the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and independent society.

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Your Committee received testimony in support of the Resolution from registered speakers:

1. Arthur Martirosian
2. Arpine Martirosian
3. Sarkis Kitsinian
4. Sarah Ann Correa

All the speakers emphasized that the efforts are intended to bring peace and stability to the region. Two of the testifiers also submitted written testimony. There were three additional individuals who submitted written testimonies in support of the Resolution.

Your Committee considered and approved a proposed handcarried CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

- A. Removes the last WHEREAS clause that had stated:

WHEREAS, Azerbaijan disputes the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's independence and hostility between Azerbaijan and the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic has increased in recent years; now, therefore,

- B. Makes technical and non-substantive changes.

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Your Committee on Business, Economic Development and Tourism is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 16-78, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 16-78, CD1. (Ayes: Elefante, Fukunaga, Pine - 3; Noes: None; Excused: Menor, Ozawa - 2.)

Respectfully submitted,



Committee Chair

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RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE NAGORNO-KARABAKH REPUBLIC'S CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GUARANTEE ITS CITIZENS THOSE RIGHTS INHERENT IN A FREE AND INDEPENDENT SOCIETY AND URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY'S EFFORTS TO REACH A JUST AND LASTING SOLUTION TO SECURITY ISSUES IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS REGION.

WHEREAS, Nagorno-Karabakh, also known as Artsakh, is a land-locked region in the South Caucasus that historically has been Armenian territory and is populated by an ethnic Armenian majority; and

WHEREAS, in 1921, the region was severed from Armenia and placed under the Soviet Azerbaijani administration as the Nagorno-Karabakh Autonomous Region; and

WHEREAS, February 20, 1988, marked the beginning of the national liberation movement in Nagorno-Karabakh, as the elected legislature representing the people of Nagorno-Karabakh adopted a resolution returning Nagorno-Karabakh to the Soviet Socialist Republic of Armenia; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 1991, in accordance with its enacted law, the legislature of Nagorno-Karabakh declared formation of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic; and

WHEREAS, on December 10, 1991, the people of the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic voted in favor of independence, and on January 6, 1992, the democratically elected legislature of the republic formally declared independence; and

WHEREAS, since proclaiming independence, the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic has built a democratic nation with a free-market-oriented economy and a vibrant civil society that has held presidential and parliamentary elections that have been assessed by nongovernmental international monitors as free and fair; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it encourages and supports the Nagorno-Karabakh Republic's continuing efforts to guarantee its citizens those rights inherent in a free and independent society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the President and Congress of the United States to support the international community's efforts to reach a just and lasting solution to security issues in the strategically important South Caucasus region; and



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No. 16-78, CD1

RESOLUTION

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and to each member of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

INTRODUCED BY:

Kymberly Pine

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

March 23, 2016
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers